

## Addendum to Neighborhood Advisory Committee Annual Report

### **The Asheville Neighborhood Advisory Committee**

Vision: A city embracing the community of its neighborhoods.

Mission: Communicate and advise the City Council on issues affecting neighborhoods.

Goals:

1. Facilitate communications and enhance collaboration among neighborhoods, city staff, boards and commissions.

*Action Plan:*

- a. Hold community meetings in each of the five geographic areas.
- b. Foster communication between the City and neighborhoods by using NAC members as liaison on city boards and commissions.
- c. Support and attend neighborhood and city sponsored meetings.
- d. Explore utilization of neighborhood portal on the City's website.
- e. Summarize information from area meetings in an annual Report from the Neighborhoods.

2. Recommend strategies to improve Asheville's neighborhoods.

*Action Plan:*

- a. Submit in an addendum to the annual report.

3. Strengthen neighborhood organizational development.

*Action Plan:*

- a. Identify neighborhood advocates.
- b. Support leadership and neighborhood organizational development upon request.

4. Promote and celebrate neighborhoods.

*Action Plan:*

- a. Profile neighborhoods on the City's website.
- b. Recognize successes in neighborhoods.

### **Recommendations of the committee:**

1. Include neighborhoods in the Asheville City Council's Strategic Plan.
2. Assure neighborhoods understand how the City's resources are allocated in a fair, open, transparent and accountable way.
3. Engage and gain the trust of the African American Community by positive interactions with the members of the Asheville City Council and all City Departments.
4. Increase funding to neighborhood infrastructure so that it has an impact on quality of life and safety such as sidewalk construction, traffic calming, street sweeping and leaf pick up.